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"Child of Storm," tells a story of Zululand in the days before Cetewayo (that used to be the way to spell the name) became too troublesome to be born; the days when he and his brothers Umbuyazi, both sons of Mpanzi, the King, were in rivalry for the succession, which Cetewayo won at the battle of the Tugela. He won it, as Sir Rider Haggard and Mr. Oscar Asche tell us, through the treachery of Saduka, Umbuyazi's general and adviser, who went over with all his men in the middle of the battle. Free Umbuyazi had stolen away from him Mameena, the beautiful, the ambitious Mameena, the desired of all, who never loved any man but our old friend Allan Quatermain, "Macumazahn," but played with men as pieces in her great game of ambition. She lost the game, and the end of the play sees her swift suicide (after a last long kiss on the lips of Macumazahn) on hearing herself condemned to death for witchcraft and murder; but the way she played it, and in particular the way she used Saduka, make the thread which holds the play together.

Perhaps the thread is not quite strong enough to keep all the episodes together and in line. Out of his many different scenes Mr. Asche has done his best to shape a thing of dramatic cohesion and form; but all these intervals of weeks here and there and days somewhere else do not conduce to cohesion and form. There are dramatic moments undoubtedly. The trial of Mameena in the last scene is well contrived, and the scene in which Umbuyazi, after falling on his own spear, drops backward from the mountain-top, is one of the most effective that we have ever seen.

"Mameena," however, will make its name not as play, but as a spectacle and an ethnological reconstruction. The scenery, with its great moving sky, its mountains in sunset or under moonlight, its hats and kraals, its wide plains and alluvial, is romantic and attractive. And as for the details of Zululand, they are extraordinary in number and fidelity. Accuracy in details does not by any means always produce a strong effect on the imagination; but Mr. Asche has succeeded here (with Captain James Stuart's help) in creating the atmosphere he wanted. We seem to be in Zululand, and these Zululand scenes to be real. Not only Mr. Herbert Grimwood in his brilliant and thrilling study of the old witch-doctor, "smelling out" with quaint ceremony witchcraft—a very remarkable and powerful piece of acting—but all those concerned. We get the "almost incessant noise of native life"; we get actually a taste of that impression of too much human flesh which white men feel when they are new to the circumferences. In this way "Mameena" is unique; and, seeing that the acting parts for himself and Miss Lily Brayton and others are not of the kind to stretch their capacity, Mr. Asche has done wisely in giving his play distinction in another field.

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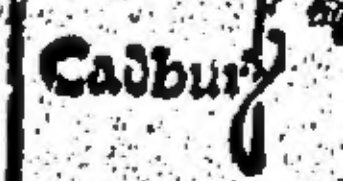
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Change of Programme at the Victoria Theatre.

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General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, December 12—
Hongkong Cricket Club at home to Crailsheaven.
9 p.m.—Boxing Tournament at the City Hall.

SUNDAY, December 13—
8 a.m.—Excursion to Macao.

MONDAY, December 14—
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Furniture, etc., at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.
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TUESDAY, December 15—
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WHY "GERMANY HATES ENGLAND."

From many quarters it is becoming more and more evident that Germany's hatred of England and everything English is of a most venomous nature. Previous to the war, it was, of course, well known that Germans looked upon the English as their serious rivals in commerce and as the nation that, more than any other, prevented them from attaining the expansion they so earnestly longed for. England, as a matter of fact, no more placed any kind of obstacle, direct or indirect, in the path of German colonial expansion, than she placed in the path of any other nation. What caused the Germans' chagrin was simply that England had for many generations, before the present misadventure, German Empire was realised, built up with unexampled success in the world's history an overseas Empire of vast proportions. Germany, growing great in wealth and in scientific achievement, was embittered by her comparatively small success as a coloniser and apprehensive of the fact that the vast numbers of German immigrants to Anglo-Saxon lands were gradually absorbed by these countries. These are among the most potent of the reasons of German hatred of England. If Germany were controlled by men of less absurd pride and ridiculous pretensions she would not feel such a sense of hatred, but unfortunately for the world and more particularly for the Germans themselves the leaders of the German nation, from the Kaiser downwards, are obsessed by the idea that Germans are superior to any other nation in the world. Hallucinations, it is thus apparent, are not confined to the mentally deranged, but it must be conceded that the Germans certainly show method in their madness. The Germans, governed by a sort of medieval bureaucracy that no spirited people would tolerate for a day, have allowed themselves to be drilled into being a nation of soldiers. Their great success in commerce has made them, next to the British, the wealthiest of European nations, and consequently they have been able to maintain a vast army and a very large navy. Their intolerable arrogance has been their worst enemy, for with that swagger ever prevalent in the parvenue—and the present German Empire is nothing more than a parvenue among the old nations of Europe—they could not disguise their real intentions, and, indeed, hardly ever attempted to do so. If ever pride has brought a nation to its downfall, such is the case to-day with Germany. The Germans hate England because they envy her, not only envy her her world Empire that is founded on justice and liberty and on those democratic principles essential to all states that seek to be enduring; but the arrogant feeling in his heart, envies: Britons those really great qualities that have made them what they are—the happy, contented and peaceable possessors of the greatest Empire the world has ever known. And the Britons of to-day, like the Britons of old, are well able to look after their

interests, protect their noble heritage, fearing not the malicious calumnies nor the destructive tendencies of such a nation as that of Germany—a nation under the domination of a small body of individuals whose actions are more in keeping with medieval times. Until Germany throws aside this survival of feudalism, this tyranny of a privileged and a dominating caste she will never be like England, France and the United States—greater nations than Germany in every respect and in nothing greater than that they govern themselves, through their chosen representatives, and are guided in their actions towards themselves and towards others by that spirit in keeping with the enlightened age in which we live—a spirit inculcated by a belief in justice, in liberty and fair-play all around.

CRUZ BASTOS AFFAIRS.

Questions of Court Procedure.

The Chief Justice, Sir William Ross Davies, K.C., sitting in Bankruptcy Jurisdiction this morning, made a receiving order in bankruptcy against Cruz, Bastos and Company. The application was made by Mr. Needham (of Evans and Needham).

Mr. Leo D'Almeida rose to address the court, but Mr. Needham objected that he had no locus standi, and could not be heard.

Mr. D'Almeida contended that he was in order. He asked for an adjournment.

Mr. Needham: I object to my friend appearing at all. He has no right to be heard.

Mr. D'Almeida said he was there to satisfy his Lordship that there was no objection to his making an order.

Mr. E. J. O'Neil, rising at the solicitor's table, addressed his Lordship. He said it had been so held, but this court had always insisted on anything a creditor had to say, simply for the information of the court. It was very important that it should be so.

Mr. D'Almeida agreed, and said he thought his Lordship would hear him.

Mr. Needham objected that Mr. D'Almeida was merely opposing his application.

The Lordship said he thought the custom was that creditors appeared to the making of a receiving order notified the Official Receiver as an officer of the court, and then if he saw sufficient ground the Official Receiver asked the court to refuse to make an order.

Mr. D'Almeida agreed but pointed out that sometimes the Official Receiver took the opposite view. It was very important that a receiving order should not be made in circumstances unfavourable to the creditors, as such orders could not be rescinded.

His Lordship asked if any information had been received by the Official Receiver in this case.

The Official Receiver (Mr. A. F. Carmichael) said he had talked the matter over with Mr. Gris and Mr. D'Almeida. Mr. D'Almeida, whose argument against the order was a very weak one, did not ask him to oppose it.

His Lordship observed that if he went into the matter at all he must go into it fully. The proper step was to let the Official Receiver put the facts before the Official Receiver, who could then state what view he took.

Mr. D'Almeida said he was prepared to set out the facts on affidavit if his Lordship granted an adjournment. Since August there had been numerous judgments against the firm and one of the partners, Louisa Shiu Kong, a well known substantial man, had been forced into bankruptcy. It was shown that the assets were \$27,000. The assets of the firm and this partner were to be sold, and an offer of \$10,000 had been received. He submitted that if an order were made it would be a disaster to the sale, as the person negotiating would probably reduce his offer if the firm he was purchasing was a bankrupt firm.

His Lordship said these were all matters which should have been brought to the notice of the Official Receiver.

Mr. D'Almeida submitted that the only reason the application for a receiving order was made was that the offer for the purchase of the business might be crippled.

The Official Receiver: That is a grave allegation to make.

Mr. O'Neil contended that the question of whether or not an order was made was a matter for the court. He suggested that if the order were made the two bankruptcies might be amalgamated.

Mr. D'Almeida maintained that if he had no locus standi the Official Receiver was in the same position.

His Lordship: What better position will you be put in if the matter is adjourned?

Mr. D'Almeida: The prospective purchaser will go on with the purchase.

Mr. Needham: He will go on in any case.

The Official Receiver said he was convinced that an order would not affect the sale. Cruz, Bastos and Co. had been known to be insolvent for a long time. A receiver was appointed in August, and so far as an order would decrease the value of the goodwill was ridiculous.

Mr. D'Almeida said he had instructions from the intending purchaser to say so. He again questioned the Official Receiver's locus standi.

The Official Receiver said he was the Registrar in Bankruptcy in England.

His Lordship said both his predecessor and he had always assumed that to be so and had acted upon the assumption. He would make a receiving order.

The steamer *Brooklyn*, homeward bound from Yokohama with frozen meat, put into Shanghai on November 22 owing to the engine in her cross-bunker being on fire. The ship was moored at the wharf in the lower harbour and the coal discharged into lighters, the ship having extinguished without the ship having sustained any damage. After reloading the *Brooklyn* sailed for Yokohama on November 30.

The residents living in the vicinity of Cameron Road, Kowloon Road and Kimberley Villas have long been subjected to the annoyance of petty thieves from clothes lines and of other small articles. This morning five Chinese street urchins, who were recognised as "beggars," were charged with various thefts. The articles produced in Court included European and Chinese garments and a bicycle pump. Defendants all pleaded guilty. The first two were ordered to receive nine strokes with the birch and the other three six strokes each.

Inspector Gordon informed the magistrate that the boys were in the habit of collecting tins in the locality. The first two defendants generally kept watch while they sent the smaller boys to steal the clothes spread out on the different lawns to dry. The smaller boys had pawed the goods.

The Magistrate warned the pawnbrokers against accepting articles which were obviously stolen.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Italian cruise *Marco Polo* is due here tomorrow from Shanghai on route to the Red Sea.

The Hongkong Government has sent to Canton two expert and seven mendicants together with a letter to H.H.M. Consul-General at Canton.

Until the middle of November the British North Borneo residents had subscribed \$12,442.93 to the Prince of Wales War Relief Fund.

The London "Daily Telegraph's" Shilling fund for a Christmas Gift to King Albert for the Belgian people amounted on Nov. 2 to 978,888 shillings; or 248,941, 8. d.

The members of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hongkong are to be shown round the gasometer by Mr. J. McCubbin, resident engineer, on Saturday afternoon.

A small matchbox was destroyed by fire at a Yunnai last night. Damage to the extent of \$30 was done. It is believed that the fire was caused by the over-heating of a kerosene lamp.

Mr. Roche of the Liverpool, London and Globe Insurance Co., has reported to the Police that some person has stolen from the empty dwelling known as Alpha House, Kowloon, brass fittings valued at \$20.

A silk merchant, living at the Hon Hop-choi-lauing-house, 82, Connaught Road Central, reports that during the night of Tuesday some person stole from his room a leather bag containing 29 pieces of clothing valued at \$127.

The body of a Chinaman, who was burnt to death, probably accidentally, while in his own house in a Chinese street in the Central District, has been taken to the Public Mortuary. The facts have been placed before the Coroner, Mr. F. Hazeland.

The two ironworkers Markman and Engineer, which were built for the Russian Government by the Kiangnan Dock, arrived safely at Vladivostok, under their own steam, on November 15, after a hazardous passage during which the little vessels behaved splendidly.

Owing to the lack of docking facilities for a large ship at Nagasaki, the Japanese battleship *Yamato* has been towed to Saebao for completion. The No. 3 dock, though long enough, was found to be too narrow for the warship's great beam. The Mitsu Bishi contemplates enlarging the dock sufficiently to permit of the largest vessels being dry-docked at Nagasaki.

A fire broke out on board the Blue Funnel steamer *Titan*, homeward bound from Victoria (B.C.) and Japan, while at Port Said on October 17 that was not extinguished until serious damage had been done to the cargo. The fire was eventually extinguished on October 19 and the discharge of the damaged cargo commenced.

Trade on the coast continues brisk and the liners are as busy as they can be with their regular business, both from coast and river ports. Advice from the South coast shows advances in rates all round, and quite a number of vessels have been fixed recently on "time-charter" for various periods at paying rates, says a Shanghai paper.

A Chinese woman reported to the Police this morning that about 9 p.m. last night four men armed with revolvers entered her home at 45, Queen's Road, and after gagging her and threatening her and binding her son and the maid servant, stole jewellery valued at \$471, clothing valued at \$5, and \$1,000 in money. The Police made enquiries and found that the report was false.

The last steamer to leave Newchwang for the season was the China Merchants steamer *Anping*, which crossed the Bar on November 23 and landed her pilot at Dairen. The river was then full of drifting ice and it was anticipated that, with the cold then setting in, which reduced the temperature to 14° Fahr. it would soon be entirely closed. The Japanese steamer *Yaita Maru* was seen ashore on the Bar flying signals of distress but was being attended to by another Japanese steamer that cleared on the same tide as the *Anping* and which was making preparations to tow her off before she could be caught in the ice.

The residents living in the vicinity of Cameron Road, Kowloon Road and Kimberley Villas have long been subjected to the annoyance of petty thieves from clothes lines and of other small articles. This morning five Chinese street urchins, who were recognised as "beggars," were charged with various thefts. The articles produced in Court included European and Chinese garments and a bicycle pump. Defendants all pleaded guilty. The first two were ordered to receive nine strokes with the birch and the other three six strokes each.

Inspector Gordon informed the magistrate that the boys were in the habit of collecting tins in the locality. The first two defendants generally kept watch while they sent the smaller boys to steal the clothes spread out on the different lawns to dry. The smaller boys had pawed the goods.

The Magistrate warned the pawnbrokers against accepting articles which were obviously stolen.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Cherisher Volpicelli, Italian Consul, is visiting Yunnan province.

The death is reported of Captain J. W. Smith, one of the best known mariners on the Pacific coast, and for the last sixteen years principal of the South Nautical School. He was a native of Dunelm, and was born in 1853. Captain Smith was formerly master of the Pacific liners *Victoria* and *Tacoma*.

We regret to record the death, at Vancouver, on November 26, of Mr. H. D. Hooley at the age of 48, says "Shipping and Engineering." Mr. Hooley, who was extremely popular with all who knew him, came to Shanghai as second officer of the C.P.R. steamer *Montague* and served some time in the ships of the China Navigation Company. Leaving the sea, he became wharfinger on the China Merchants' Lower Wharf, and subsequently the Whangpoo Wharf, leaving that to take over the management of the China Merchants' Wharf. He was last on the *Wangtung* Wharf of the China Navigation Co. and left there in July last owing to a breakdown in his health.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

Corps Orders by Lieut.-Col. A. Chapman, V.D.

Officers having outstanding accounts are requested to forward same and due as early as possible to the Orderly Room at the financial year close on the 31st instant.

RECRUITING.
Officers Commanding Companies or Sections will furnish a list of all recruits who have not fired Part I (Instructional) or who have fired and made less than 50 points. This return to be sent in by 5 p.m. on Friday.

REGULATIONS SECTION.

Class I will parade on the Cricket Ground at 6 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays for Lamp practice on Saturdays at 7 a.m. for flag or rifle practice.

Class II will parade on the Cricket Ground at 7 a.m. on Mondays for flag practice, Wednesdays at 6 p.m. for Lamp practice and Saturdays at 7 a.m. for flag or rifle practice.

Class III will parade on the Cricket Ground at 7 a.m. on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays for flag practice.

PROMOTIONS.
Sgt. G. Dunne, Centre Section, M.G. Co. is promoted to be Sgt. Major dated 9.12.14.

The following promotions in the Engineer Co. will take effect from to-day's date.

Sapper Harrington to be Corporal.

Sapper Eldridge to be Corporal.

Sapper Middleton Smith and J. Lennox Reserve Section to be Corporal.

RECRUITING.
Sapper W. H. Saunders is permitted to resign dated 18.11.14.

MUSKETRY (STANDARD TEST.)
The undermentioned Sections will fire Part II of the Musketry Course as follows:—No. 1 Section Artillery Battery 2 p.m. Saturday 12th instant. No. 2 Section Artillery Battery 9 a.m. Sunday 13th instant.

The undermentioned members need not attend to fire on Saturday 12th inst. as they will fire the regular course later in the season:—Sergeant Drabary, Corporal Manek and Corporal Farrell.

On duty, No. 2 Section Artillery, Left Section and Centre Section M.G. Co. Officers on duty: Capt. Scott, Lieut. Ross and Lieut. Wright.

Orderly Officer—Lieut. Ross.

To furnish Guard to-night, Left Section M.G. Co.; to-morrow, No. 2 Section Artillery Battery.

Orderly Sergeant to-night, Corporal Lowick; to-morrow, Corporal Young.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER RESERVE.

Orders by Major Wakeman, O.C.H.V.R.

PARADES.
Nos. 1, 2, and 3 Companies on the Cricket Ground—To-morrow (Friday December 11th) at 5.15 p.m. M.G. Co. on Cricket ground on Tuesday December 15th at 5.15 p.m.

STRENGTH.
The following Officers and men have left to join the New Service Battalions and are removed from the strength as from December 4th:—Captain L. B. Bird, Sergeant A. P. Sparrow, Corporal R. Lapeley, Private H. S. Jephson, and Private L. E. Victor.

PAV.
Members are reminded that they must attend at the Law Court between 5 and 6 p.m. on December 10th.

In continuation of the sale of work opened at Union Church yesterday for the church funds an enjoyable concert was given in the schoolroom in the evening before a large audience. The contributors to the programme were Miss Scott, Messrs. G. P. Lamont, F. W. Gibbins, and G. Folger (singles); Misses Scott (duet); and Mr. E. Danenberg (pianoforte solo). Little Miss Hyde's Scotch costume dances were a popular feature. The accompanying members were efficiently played by Messrs. Lamont and Danenberg. The sale and concert are expected to realise about \$1,000.

UNNECESSARY WORDS.

Why waste words and advertising space in describing the many points of merit in Chamberlain's Cough Remedy? The most fastidious are satisfied when we state that it cures colds and coughs from any cause, and that it contains absolutely no narcotics or injurious substances. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

SPORTING.

CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. v. C.O.C.

The following will represent the Hongkong Cricket Club against Crailsheaven Cricket Club on the Hongkong C.C. ground on Saturday, 12th December—play to commence at 2.15 p.m.:—R. Hancock (Captain), R. N. Anderson, C. A. Hooper, R. Kennedy, P. S. Leigh Bennett, M. M. Mass, E. J. R. Mitchell, T. E. Pearce, B. Reed, R. A. Stokes, and K. P. Thurstfield.

FOOTBALL.

The following team will represent the Hongkong Club against The Navy, on the Club Ground on Saturday, 12th inst. p.m.:—Jasper Clark, M. A. Reilly, J. McCubbin, G. Bond, W. B. Rinden, R. F. Long, G. A. Robinson, J. Tod, J. Stalker, C. Mycock, W. V. Pennell.

Hongkong Club's Practice Match.

An inter-club football match, which evoked a great deal of local interest and brought out several new players took place last evening at Happy Valley on the Hongkong Club's enclosure. The captain (Mr. J. Stalker) ranged an eleven against one selected by the Vice-captain (Mr. W. Pennell).

There was much of interest in the game despite a general scrappiness. Pennell's team was much the stronger in all departments and the shooting was very good. Willie found the net twice in the first half, Pennell adding on a third and hopping on two more in the second half. Pennell's team won easily by five goals to nil.

Among the new comers who displayed ability was J. Stewart. Tod again showed good form and, with Captain Stalker, worked hard to penetrate the sound defence of their opponents, with, however, no success.

Saturday's Fixtures.

Two important League matches are to be played on Saturday. The Hongkong Club XI are opposing the Navy and spectators can be assured of an exhilarating game. The Club intend fielding the same team as last Saturday, with the exception of the goal keeper who left for Home last Friday. The Police will meet the R.G.A. and a tough battle is expected. Both teams have high notions about their chances of success and the game should be a good one.

Hongkong Football League.

A list of the League fixtures as arranged is appended:

Dec. 12. Police v. R.G.A. Military Ground.
Dec. 12. Club v. Navy, Club Ground.
Dec. 19. Navy v. R.G.A., Navy Ground.
Dec. 19. Police v. Club Military Ground.
Dec. 26. Exhibition match Army and Navy v. Hongkong, Club Ground.
Jan. 2. Navy v. Club, Navy Ground.
Jan. 9. R.G.A. v. Police, Military Ground.
Jan. 9. Police v. Navy, Military Ground.
Jan. 9. Club v. R.G.A., Club Ground.
Jan. 16. R.G.A. v. Navy, Military Ground.
Jan. 23. Club v. Police, Club Ground.

THE ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

December Captain's Cup & Pool.

Played over Happy Valley, December 6th, 6th and 7th.

CUT AND POOL.

* Mr. W. Turner ... 91-18-77
* C. H. Soper ... 93-15-78
* A. Ritchie ... 83-5-78
* J. Hooper ... 89-10-79
Captain Milner-Jones ... 88-8-80
Mr. J. W. Stewart ... 96-10-81
* Balmer Johnson ... 87-6-81
* W. J. Morrison ... 94-16-82
* H. G. H. Boucher ... 89-5-84
* Mr. W. B. Rinden ... 102-18-84
* Qualifies for Cup and Wins Pool.
Pool. 38 Entries.

DROWNING ACCIDENT.

A drowning accident is reported this morning as having occurred in the Sai Tau Kok bay. Last night a fisherman and his crew were out fishing when a sudden squall caught the craft and overturned it. The nine occupants were thrown into the water and a woman named Chan Kin and her son, Li Ku, aged eight years, were drowned. The Police immediately went to the rescue, saving the other seven and righting the boat. The bodies of the woman and her son were recovered and taken to the village of Fo Kok for burial.

GARMENTS FOR THE TROOPS AND OTHERS.

This week 107 garments were sent in by the Women of Hongkong—102 of which were sent by the courtesy of Messrs. Sheehan, Tones to the Countess of Meath, 83, Lancaster Gate, London, for the Belgian refugees.

Sixty-five more garments, including a fur rug and Jaeger blanket rug, were sent by the courtesy of the Hongkong Parcel Express Company to Mrs. G. Hunt, Westmount, Folkestone Road, Dover, to forward to her brother, Dr. Beavis, who has a field hospital in Belgium and who asks for as many men's clothes as possible.

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH, WANCHAI.

A sale of work in aid of the Girls' Boarding School, Canton, will be held on the tennis court, No. 2 Morrison Hill, on Saturday afternoon, December 12th, at 2.30. It is held in Hongkong this year because the situation in Canton makes it difficult to hold the annual sale there. A nice collection of fancy and useful articles, suitable for Christmas presents, will be on sale. Tea will be provided on the lawn.

BANKRUPTCY COURT.

The Chief Justice, Sir William Ross Davies, K.C., sat in the Bankruptcy Court this morning. The Official Receiver (Mr. A. E. Carmichael) and Assistant Official Receiver (Mr. Sayer) attended.

Mr. Agnew appeared for the petitioning creditor against Hargrave and was allowed to withdraw. The petition on the ground that a deed of arrangement had been signed since the matter was last before the court. Debtor proposed to pay 20 per cent. his liabilities amounting to about \$160,000. His assets amounted almost entirely of book debts, and it was doubtful if these could all be collected.

COLLUSION ALLEGED.

In regard to a petition by a creditor for a receiving order against Chua Seng, the Official Receiver said there was grave suspicion of collusion between the petitioning creditor (represented by Mr. C. F. Mass) and the debtor. Judgment was obtained against debtor a considerable time ago for \$4,000 and costs, an execution warrant was obtained, but debtor could not be found. There was on the petition no endorsement of service dated two days after petition was presented, but it was not stated where the service was effected. He wrote to Mr. Masson for this information, but his letter was not answered. This morning Mr. Masson told him it was only a trap for his client.

Mr. Masson strongly objected to the Official Receiver bringing up anything which was only mentioned in a casual conversation. It was most improper.

His Lordship asked what were the facts? The Official Receiver alleged that Mr. Masson had given him no assistance whatever and had not told him where debtor could be found.

Mr. Masson referred his Lordship to an affidavit, filed two days ago, in answer to the Official Receiver's letter in which the debtor's address, in Des Voeux Road, appeared.

The Official Receiver said he had not seen the affidavit. He mentioned that some time ago debtor entered into a contract to purchase land for \$20,000 and paid \$2,500 as deposit. Debtor pleaded that he was unable to complete the contract because he could not cut \$25,000 deposited in Chinese banks. This \$25,000 had not been disclosed.

Mr. Masson raised the question of the locus standi of the Official Receiver to oppose petitions on behalf of creditors. He could not be representing debtor because he had stated that he could not find him. He had received no notice of opposition.

The matter was adjourned till next bankruptcy day.

RECEIVING ORDERS.

Receiving orders were made in the following cases:—
Cheong On Bink. Mr. Shenton, for the petitioning creditor, said the act of bankruptcy was notice of assignment of property. Tung Chi Chai's liabilities \$3,324, assets estimated at \$1,550. (Official Receiver appointed trustee.)
Cheong Lo, a clerk in the Sanitary Department. Liabilities \$320, assets nil. The Official Receiver mentioned that debtor owed money on promissory notes, which he was repaying out of his salary of \$30 a month.
Kwong Shun Tai. Liabilities \$35,000, assets estimated at \$15,100. Mr. P. W. Goldring represented the petitioning creditor.

INDIAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

British Officers Killed and Wounded.

The list of casualties of the Indian Expeditionary Force serving on the continent published at Delhi on Nov. 6th and 9th included the following English officers:—

KILLED IN ACTION.

3rd Sappers and Miners—Lieutenant Hayer Sadder.
47th Sikhs—Captain McGleverty.
30th Rifles—Captain Scott.
2nd Battalion 2nd K. L. O. Gurkha Rifles (The Simcoe Rifles)—Major N. MacPherson.

CONNAUGHT RANGERS—Lieutenant Abbott.

34th Poonch Horse—Lieutenant-Colonel Stanniston, D. S. O.
1st-2nd King Edward's Own Gurkha Rifles—Major Rose, Major Beecher, Captain Burton, Lieutenant Innes, 2nd Lieutenant Walcott.

DEAD OR WOUNDED.

9th Bhopal Infantry—Lieutenant-Colonel Anderson.
129th Baluchis—Captain P. C. Hampe Vincent.
12th Q. M. O. Baluchis—Major G. G. P. Humphreys.

WOUNDED.

39th K.G.O. Central India Horse—Captain Fraser.
3rd Sappers and Miners—Lieutenant Rait Kerr, Lieutenant Noworthy, Lieutenant Fitzmaurice.
15th Lushiana Sikhs—Lieutenant-Colonel Gordon, Lieutenant Henderson.
34th Sikh Pioneers—Captain Bailey and Lieutenant Brown.
40th Pathans—Lieutenant Campbell.
47th Sikhs—Lieutenant-Colonel Richardson, Major Brown, Capt. Combe.
57th Wilde's Rifles—Lieutenant-Colonel Gair and Lieutenant K. Fowler.
60th Sindh Rifles—Captain Murray.
2nd Lancers (Gardner's Horse)—Lieutenant D. S. Davidson.
Seaforth Highlanders—The Rev. Macneil.
Connaught Rangers—Captain Underhill, Major Hays and 2nd Lieutenant Ho Witt.
1st-2nd King Edward's Own Gurkha Rifles—Captain McGleverty.
WOUNDED AND MISSING.
3rd Sappers and Miners—Captain Paton, Captain Richardson, Lieutenant Almond and Lieutenant Robb.
2nd Bhopal—Lieutenant Wade.
9th Bhopal Infantry—Captain Jones.
ACCIDENTALLY KILLED.
Supply and Transport Corps—Major Logan.
MISSING.
10th Lancers—Captain Hunt.

BY TELEGRAPH.

THE PROGRESS OF THE WAR.

GREAT BRITISH NAVAL VICTORY.

THREE GERMAN VESSELS SUNK.

It is officially announced that the German warships "Scharnhorst," "Leipzig," and the "Gneissau" have been sunk by a British Squadron.

No details are yet to hand, but it is absolutely certain that the German Far Eastern Squadron has sustained a crushing defeat entirely at the hands of a British Squadron.

The news to hand, besides giving the particulars above mentioned, also states that the German warship "Nuremberg" and another German warship "are being pursued."

The action appears just to have taken place near the Falkland Islands, which lie to the extreme south-east of South America.

The British casualties are believed to have been comparatively small.

The "Scharnhorst" and the "Gneissau" are sister armoured cruisers each with a displacement of 11,420 tons and a designed I.H.P. of 25,000. The "Scharnhorst" was completed in 1907 and the "Gneissau" in 1908. The best known speed of the "Scharnhorst" was 22.71 and of the "Gneissau" 22.8. Each carried eight 5.9-inch quick-firers, six 5.0-inch quick-firers, twenty 3.4-inch quick-firers, and 18 smaller quick-firers according to the Navy League Annual.

Both vessels probably carried between 700 and 800 men. The "Leipzig" is of the protected cruiser class and of similar type to the "Ezden". She was one of seven ships built to a specified displacement of 3,200 tons, and was completed in 1905, along with "Lubeck III". She bore a designed I.H.P. of 10,000 and had a registered speed of 23 knots. She was armed with 4.1-inch quick-firers and sixteen smaller quick-firers.

The "Nuremberg" is a protected cruiser and sister ship to the "Königsberg" with a displacement of 3,350 tons. She was completed in 1908 and had a designed I.H.P. of 12,200. Her speed was 23.5 knots and she carried ten 4.1-inch quick-firers and two machine guns.—E.L.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LATEST NEWS FROM POLAND.

LONDON, Dec. 9, 8.15 a.m.
An official telegram from Petrograd states that the fighting which had developed at Przemysl and Zichenau between Wexau and Mława has not yet finished. Fighting also occurred in the region of Prokrow where we had partial successes.

The battle which began on the 5th inst. south-east of Cracow, between Wislica and the river Doryty, is developing in our favour.

Our reinforcements gallantly forced a passage at Dunajetz near Nowy Sącz and severely defeated the Right Wing of the German Army, which was engaged in a turning movement.

We have captured guns and prisoners and continue the offensive.

(Official Telegram from French Government via Peking.)

On the 7th inst. the German activity was more marked in Ypres region and in Ypres neighbourhood. The Germans bombarded the town of Oost Dinkerke, situated 4 kilometres west of Neuport, and the district east of Ypres. The allied artillery replied with success. A brilliant attack in the Aras region permitted the Allies to become masters of Vermelles and Ruitore. This occupation was completed by an offensive movement which is still progressing against the German trenches between Vermelles and the La Bassée canal and is very important for the conduct of future operations. French heavy artillery dispersed several gatherings of Germans. Rheims was not bombarded by the Germans, but an enemy aviator dropped three bombs, which did very little damage. French progress continues in the Lagnicourt Forest.

DEATH OF GENERAL BEYERS.

LONDON, Dec. 9.
It is officially announced in Pretoria that General Beyers, the leader of the Transvaal revolt, is dead.

THE END OF A TRAITOR.

LONDON, Dec. 9, 11.40 p.m.
A telegram from Pretoria states officially that during a short engagement on the banks of the Vaal, General Beyers with others endeavoured to cross the river. General Beyers fell from his horse, drifted down stream, and disappeared under the water. It is believed that he was wounded in the earlier part of the fight.

THE STRUGGLE IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM.

LONDON, Dec. 9, 12.45 a.m.
This evening's Paris official communiqué states that a violent German attack on St. Eloi, south of Ypres, was repulsed. A vigorous struggle is still continuing in Arzonne.

THE FIGHTING IN SERBIA.

Austrians Retreating Everywhere.

LONDON, Dec. 9, 1.20 p.m.
A Serbian communiqué issued at Nish says that the Serbian Army has assumed a heroic offensive along the entire front, and the enemy are retreating everywhere, leaving many prisoners and guns and great quantities of war material. We captured the place 2,000 men and the Colours and Band of the 22nd Regiment.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(British Foreign Office Telegrams.)

KING GEORGE REVIEWS THE BELGIAN ARMY.

LONDON, Dec. 8.
Before leaving France, H.M. King George bestowed the Order of the Garter on the King of the Belgians and reviewed the Belgian Army.

GREAT BRITAIN AND BELGIAN NEUTRALITY.

With reference to statements implying that Great Britain contemplated a violation of the neutrality of Belgium, the Foreign Office has issued the record of a conversation between Sir E. Grey and the Belgian Minister in London in April, 1913.

The Belgian Minister said there was a certain amount of apprehension that England, in case of war, would violate Belgian neutrality.

Sir E. Grey answered that he was sure no British Government would ever do so, nor would public opinion approve it. What England desired in the case of Belgium and other neutral countries was that their neutrality should be respected.

HEALTHY STATE OF BRITISH TRADE.

Employment in the United Kingdom showed continued improvement in October. Returns from firms employing over four million men show the number out of work to be practically no greater than before the war, making allowance for those who have joined the Army. In trades compulsorily insured against unemployment the percentage of the out of work had decreased steadily since the beginning of September, and is now less than at the same time last year.

All available information shows that the recovery of British industry from the unsettled conditions due to the war will be rapid and complete.

MORE PROOF OF PAN-GERMANIC TREACHERY.

Signor Giolitti, formerly Prime Minister of Italy, in the course of a speech, said that in August, 1913, Austria, in accord with Germany, communicated to Italy her intention of attacking Serbia and invoking Italian aid under the terms of the Triple Alliance. Italy pointed out to Germany and Austria that it was not a *cassis foederis*.

This is further proof that the Serbian coup had been arranged long before the assassination of the Archduke.

BOMBARDMENT OF BELGIAN COAST RESUMED.

LONDON, Dec. 9.
According to Dutch papers, the Allies' Fleet on Monday resumed the bombardment of the Belgian coast to support the advances from Mauthoven to Ostend.

The Dutch papers continue to report considerable movements of German troops. 50,000 fresh troops are shortly expected at Antwerp where an attempt by the Allies to retake the city is expected.

WAR GIFTS FROM THE BRITISH DOMINIONS.

LONDON, Dec. 9.
Correspondence relating to War Gifts by the Dominions and Colonies is published to-night and forms a most impressive volume on the Empire's loyalty. The Council of the Gold Coast resolved to defray the cost of the capture of Togoland, £60,000, and further voted £80,000 as a contribution to the Imperial war expenses in 1915.

BIG SERBIAN VICTORY.

LONDON, Dec. 8.
The Nish Press Bureau announces that along the whole front success of the Serbian army is reported. On every front the Austrian-Hungarian armies have been repulsed, and 2,400 officers and men, and a large quantity of booty have been captured. On one of the fronts four of the enemy's batteries have been captured.

THE EMDEN'S SORRY FLIGHT.

GRUESOME SPECTACLE AT KEELING.

A representative of the "China Mail" has had a talk with a former member of the auxiliary crew of H.M.S. Empress of Asia.

The "Emden," he said, was riddled from stem to stern. Her bow was buried in a spongy coral reef and she was rocking in a strong surf. When the "Asia" left her she was burning in the after hold. Her bridge was in shreds, holes pierced her plate armour and her funnels were like sieves. The bodies of 200 men were still on the deck and about the ship, while 14 others were lying on the north shore. The "Asia" arrived on the scene about 2 1/2 hours after the action between the "Emden" and H.M.A.S. Sydney, and stood by for a week until the arrival of H.M.S. Cadmus to which ship was assigned the work of removing the ammunition and the decomposed bodies. Steaming at 23 knots the "Sydney" approached the Cocos Islands and opened fire on the "Emden" at 11,000 yards. The "Emden" replied, and catching the "Sydney" when she came into range, blew away her controls. The "Sydney" steamed into safety but her long range guns played havoc on the "Emden" which was fast going ashore. At present the "Emden" rocks helplessly on the reef and daylight peers through her bulwarks—a picture of a terrible battle.

The party of Germans, two officers and 24 men, who were on the island when the action took place escaped in a schooner belonging to the Telegraph Company; and although a long search was conducted they were not found. It is believed they reached Batavia.

Our informant added that the telegraph staff on the island deserved the highest commendation in locating the "Emden" and sending out the information with such promptitude.

IRON CROSS AND GOOSESTEP.
Amsterdam, Nov. 1.
A Munich telegram received here, via Berlin, states that King Leopold of Bavaria, in the name of the other German Princes, has asked the Kaiser to accept the Iron Cross of the first and second class in honour of the German army. The Emperor, in expressing his thanks, said he would accept the decoration in recognition of the determination and bravery of all the German tribes in the fight for Germany's honour.—Reuter.

Amsterdam, Nov. 2.
Advices from Berlin state that, according to the Lokalanzeiger, on Oct. 23 the Kaiser held a review behind the battle-line. Addressing the men, his Imperial Majesty expressed his pleasure at seeing one of his best Brandenburg regiments, and said: "The enemy will be beaten in all circumstances." After the customary march past with the goosestep there was a short field service.—Reuter.

WHOOPIING COUGH.

WHEN your child has whooping cough, be careful to keep the cough loose and expectoration easy by giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as early as you can. This remedy will also liquify the tough mucus and make it easier to expectorate. It has been used successfully in many epidemics and as it contains no narcotics or other injurious substances it is perfectly safe. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

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OBITUARY.

Mr. Wm. Rockhill.

LONDON, Dec. 9.
The death is announced of Mr. William Rockhill at Honolulu, while en route for Peking to act as Adviser to President Yuan Shih Kai.

It will be remembered that Mr. Rockhill was for several years the representative of the United States in Peking.—E.L.

MORTGAGED STEAMERS.

A Broker's Claim.

Commission for a mortgage arranged in respect of the steamship Wing On formed the subject of a claim by Lau Siu Pak, a broker living at 60, Wellington Street, against Chan Lai Sang of 22, Lee Yuen Street, Kait, coal merchant and owner of the vessel. The claim was for \$450.

Mr. Dixon, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, appeared for plaintiff, and Mr. W. B. King, of Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton's office, for defendant.

Plaintiff said he was introduced to defendant, who told him he wished to have arranged a first mortgage of \$30,000 on the Wing On, carrying interest of 1.5 per cent. a month. Plaintiff said he would find a mortgagee for a commission of \$450, later he gave defendant the name of a banker who was willing to lend the money. On October 23 the parties met at the office of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, after signing a contract. Collateral security was offered in place of insurance. Defendant produced some Canton title deeds which were refused, and then he offered the steamship Wing On, which was accepted. The matter was left to solicitors, who found out that both these steamships already had a first mortgage on them, so the matter fell through. Plaintiff was not paid his commission.

Cross-examined: He knew that the Wing On was worth over \$1,000; she was only six months old. Defendant did not say that she cost over \$200,000 to build.

Defendant said he instructed the broker that he wanted to raise further money on his ship and did not speak of a first mortgage. That was the broker's mistake. Judgment was entered for plaintiff with costs.

LI PAK'S FAILURE.

Adjourned Public Examination.

Li Pak, a member of the well-known Li family, attended at the Supreme Court this morning for his adjourned public examination before the Chief Justice, Sir William Lees Davies, K.C.

Debtor was examined by Mr. Sayer, assistant Official Receiver, who mentioned that the liabilities were returned at \$461,000 and the estimated assets at \$101,000.

Debtor said the reason of his bankruptcy was the failure of the Yick Loong Bank some ten years ago. This bank and the Lai Hing firm was managed by his father, and two years after the latter's death debtor managed both businesses. They only lasted three years under his management. Debtor's brother advanced money to restart the bank, and afterwards used him to recover it. Debtor did not defend any of these actions, and the judgments represented a very large proportion of his present liabilities. In his statement of affairs he estimated the value of private property at about \$20,000, and his share in the family property in the New Territory—Canton—about \$50,000.

ADMINISTRATION OF SAMOA.

Colonel Robert Logan, a native of Dunelm, Yorkshire, has been appointed (the British Government is informed) British Administrator of Samoa in place of the deposed German Governor, Dr. Schultz.

Colonel Logan belongs to an old Border family of agriculturists, and was educated at Wellington Academy, Dunelm. He became a farmer in the Otago province of New Zealand, and he formed the Maniototo Mounted Rifles, afterwards commanding the 1st Battalion of Otago Mounted Rifles Brigade, and later got the command of the 6th Regiment of Otago Hussars in New Zealand. He next entered the peacetime service of the New Zealand Government and became Commandant of the Auckland Military District of the Dominion.

The Otago Shoten Kaisha has been negotiating with the Japanese Department of Communications about opening a new bi-weekly service between Ecol and Tientsin with two steamers of 400 tons. A reply from the Department of Communications says that Tientsin is at present under the administration of the army and besides there is no budget for the extraordinary subsidies. But from the next fiscal year the government will give subsidies for both South Sea and Tientsin lines so that the steamship company will commence the Tientsin line when Kinohach Bay is opened by the military authorities.

Addressing the Grand Jury at Worcestershire Assizes Mr. Justice Ridy said that when we had victory in the European war we must make an end of spies. The German nation appeared to dream that they could conquer Europe by a system of espionage. We would have no more of that. Secondly, he hoped that with regard to the outrages committed in Belgium, we should insist that some officers of the German army should be hanged in the streets of Louvain.

In the King's Bench Division recently in an action for damages for personal injury brought by a stevedore, an adjournment was applied for on the ground that the chief officer of the vessel—now on active service with the Austrian army—could not be traced.

The Judge: When are you likely to get hold of him? (laughter).

Counsel: If you can give me the date when the Russians are likely to occupy Vienna I will answer (laughter).

The application has refused.

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